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Collection Summary

Title: Ralph Cooper Hutchison Papers

Span Dates: 1920-1966

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ID No.: MSS54411

Creator: Hutchison, Ralph Cooper, 1898-1966

Extent: 24,000 items ; 127 containers plus 3 oversize ; 55 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Educator and college president. Correspondence, diaries, speeches, sermons, writings, college catalogs, yearbooks, and study guides relating to Hutchison's tenure as president of Washington and Jefferson College and Lafayette College, chancellor of Abadan Institute of Technology in Iran, and director of Studies in Higher Education.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Hutchison, Ralph Cooper, 1898-1966.

Organizations

Abadan Institute of Technology (Iran)

Lafayette College (Easton, Northampton County, Pa.)

Studies in Higher Education (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Washington and Jefferson College (Washington, Pa.)

Subjects

Education.

Universities and colleges--Iran.

Universities and colleges--Pennsylvania--Easton (Northampton County)

Universities and colleges--Pennsylvania--Washington.

Occupations

College presidents.

Educators.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Ralph Cooper Hutchison, educator and college president, were given to the Library of Congress in 1966 and in 1971 by his son, William Hutchison.

Processing History

The papers of Ralph Cooper Hutchison were described and arranged in 1968. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Transfers

Phonograph recordings have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1898, Feb. 27	Born, Florissant, Colo.
1914-1916	Educated, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas
1917	Aviator, United States Naval Aviation
1918	A.B., Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
1919	M.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1919-1922	Attended, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., and ordained to Ministry, Presbyterian Church
1923-1925	Authored curriculum and educational program for the Presbyterian Church
1924-1925	Secretary, Young People's Work, Presbyterian Education, Philadelphia, Pa.
1925	Married Harriet Sidney Thompson
1925	Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
1925-1926	Professor of philosophy and religion, Alborz College, Tehran, Iran
1926-1931	Dean, Alborz College, Tehran, Iran
1931-1945	President, Washington and Jefferson College
1933-1945	President, Board of Trustees, Alborz College, Tehran, Iran
1939-1943	Director, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education
1939-1945	Director, Kiskiminetas Springs School, Saltsburg, Pa.
1940-1944	Member, Executive Committee, Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (served again from 1953 to 1957).
1940-1945	Director, Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1941-1943	Director, Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Washington, D.C. (served again in the 1950s)

1942-1944	Vice president, Pennsylvania United War Fund
1942	Awarded Yorktown Medal by Society of Cincinnati
1942-1945	Executive Director, Civilian Defense for Pennsylvania
1942-1956	Vice chairman, Pennsylvania Aeronautics Communications
1945-1948	Director, Governor's Committee on Civil Defense, Pennsylvania
1945-1950	Director, Pennsylvania Commission on Higher Education. Vice president, Pennsylvania State YMCA
1945-1957	President, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
1948-1950	Member, Commission on Religion in Higher Education, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education
1950-1953	Director, Council on Education in Arbitration of the American Arbitration Association Chairman
1952-1956	Director, National Advisory Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases Council
1953-1955	Director, Lay Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ
1953-1957	Member, Executive Committee, Pennsylvania Foundation of Independent Colleges, Executive Committee (president, 1956)
1957	Legion of Honor, French Republic
1957-1959	Educational Advisor to the Oil Consortium of Iran
1957-1960	Chancellor, Abadan Institute of Technology, Iran Educational Adviser, National Iranian Oil Co.
1957-1966	Director, Studies In Higher Education, Philadelphia, Pa.
1960	Executive Director, National Presbyterian Center, Washington, D.C.
1966, Mar. 15	Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ralph Cooper Hutchison (1898-1966) span the years 1920-1966, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1957-1966. The collection consists of diaries, correspondence, sermons, speeches and writings, and other material relating to Hutchison's work as director of Studies in Higher Education, president of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, and Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, and chancellor of Abadan Institute of Technology in Iran. The papers are organized into eleven series: [Diaries and Notebook](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Special Correspondence](#); [Bound Correspondence](#); [Financial Records](#); [Proposals, Minutes, and Reports](#); [Speech and Article File](#); [Studies in Higher Education: Published Studies](#); [College Publications](#); [Scrapbooks and Photographs](#); and [Miscellany](#).

Arrangement of the Papers

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Arranged by type of material.

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Arranged by type of material.

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